Rehabilitation of workers of sick textile units

3087. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for felling 119 textile undertaking as sick units so far;

(b) the proposed Government action against the guilty;

(c) the measures for the rehabilitation of the workers of sick/closed textile mills;

(d) the reasons for surplus staff in NTC mills; and

(e) the strategies and planning for the revival of all the sick units of NTC?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) 119 sick textile units in private sector facing closure have been taken over under various Nationalisation Acts.

(c) The interest of the workers of closed textile mills of NTC have been protected through introduction of a Modified Voluntary Retirement Scheme (MVRS), which provides for payment of enhanced *ex-gratia* if there has been no wage revision since 1987/1992.

(d) Surplus manpower was primarily due to poor utilisation on account of obsolescence of the machinery and lack of working capital.

(e) The Government/BIFR approved rehabilitation schemes for the sick subsidiaries of NTC, which provided for revival of 53 mills and closure of 66 chronic loss-making mills at a cost of approximately Rs. 3,900 Crore. The rehabilitation schemes are currently under implementation.

Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana

3088. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Centrally sponsored scheme, 'Deendayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana", for development of handloom sector, with details of assistance released during the last 3 years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has submitted certain proposals seeking assistance under the above scheme; and